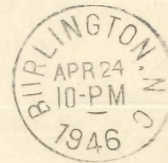


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RETAIL STORES

Shop at Sears and Save

Burlington, N. C.

April 24, 1946

Dear Fred:

Was glad to get your letter yesterday and today mailed it to Melba to prove that you really had nothing to write about. Was glad to hear from you anyway. Do it some more.

The store closes here on Wednesday at one and I have been here all afternoon working up some more plans to try and have materialize. It is lots of fun getting into these problem stores and going to work. A great life if you can take it.

I am planning to go up to the Capital City next Saturday night and return either Sunday night or Monday morning. And whether you like it or not I am coming. There is no chance of the whole family getting up there this summer and so I am going to make it unanimous for the Loops' family one more time because there is no way of telling how soon it might happen again with the Lts. galavanting all over the country at will. And then I am not going to stand idly by while you collect all the kisses from the bride. Nertz on that.....

Am trying to get Eastern Air reservations that will put me at the airport at 11:35 P.M. Saturday night but don't think I'll get them. Otherwise I'll arrive on the SOUTHERN Specially Slow at 1:45 A.M. Sunday. Guess I'll manage to find my way to the house if I go on the train but would appreciate you or someone meeting me at the Airport if I am lucky enough to get reservations. Will advise you should the reservations come through, otherwise I'll be on YE OLDE SOUTHERN....and more NERTZ.

Haven't advised the folks that I'm coming but wish that you would because with the Smiths, the Lts. Loops and no telling who or what else I may not have a place to sleep.

This is one H--- of a place to try and find a place to live but otherwise it promises to promise something. Think we will like Burlington once we can call it home. Looked at some 3-4,000 dollar shacks today for only a measly \$10,000--and they want cash. Hey, hey, hey--only it isn't funny mister and there aren't any places to rent. Took me until last Saturday to get me a room and the hotel was about to throw me out.

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Now you know about all there is to know and so guess I might as well sign off.

Oh yes---

I drove the jalopy up here when I first came. Had a swell time going to Durham, Chapel Hill and Greensboro at will and whenever I had the urge. The car ran so good decided to get Margie and her baby and take them home with me. So on Friday a week ago I took off for Durham and picked them up and at one P.M. headed for Greenville. Everything was swell until about 6:45 when we were about ten miles ~~from~~ from Greenville and home. Then a machine gun under the hood went off and I knew a bearing was out. About time I disengaged the clutch the motor froze and a rod kicked the side of my motor off. Had to put in a new motor and it only cost \$200 so now I know the old crate will run another year--new cars or not. Just got it fixed last Friday and I went home over the weekend and put a few miles on it while there. Incidentally Melba is keeping the crate to break it in very gently before any more trips. Oh yes--Margie, the baby and I gave the Southern some more income the Monday after the explosion took place.

I had a nice trip home this past week end. We were closed Monday so had two days with my little family.

It is hot up here in this office so I am going to get out and see if it is still raining. It is now 7:45 and I think my supper needs walking down.

Will be seeing you Saturday night or Sunday morning if all goes well. Regards to all the folks at your house.

Charlie, Junior.